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FOIA Case: 71284
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ATTN: Mr. Jason Gulledge
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Dear Mr. Gulledge:

We are in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted via the Internet on 17 June 2013, for "All documents and files titled or including "Tailored Access Operations" or its acronym TAO." Your request was received in the NSA/CSS FOIA office on 18 June 2013, and has been assigned Case Number 71284.

We are uncertain of the records you seek. Department of Defense (DoD) Regulation 5400.7-R states that the requester must provide a description of the desired record so that the Government is able to locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort. The topic of your request is overly broad and not specific enough to allow a reasonable search. More detail is required for us to determine the appropriate files to search to find the material you request. Our files could be more reasonably searched if the type or title of the documents you seek is specified and a topic of interest is provided. Simply asking for a search of a key word does not allow a focused search to find the information you seek. We ask that you narrow or redefine your request to enable us to process your case.

In accordance with the DoD regulation, processing of your request is being held in abeyance pending a response from you, within 30 days of the date of this letter, clarifying your request. If we do not hear from you within that time, we will assume that you are no longer interested in pursuing this request, and we will administratively close your case with no further processing.

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the first paragraph

of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (DJ4), 9800 Savage Road STE 6248, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6248 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office. The telephone number of the FOIA Office is 301-688-6527.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela N. Phillips".

PAMELA N. PHILLIPS
Chief
FOIA/PA Office